A Comparison of the 2016 Republican and Democratic Platforms

A non-partisan guide on issues of concern to the electorate

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM	KEY ISSUE	DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM
"The Constitution's guarantee that no one can "be deprived of life, liberty or property" deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence's proclamation that "all" are "endowed by their Creator" with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to children before birth." (p.13)	Human Life	"Democrats are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health, rights, and justice. We believe unequivocally that every woman should have access to quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion—regardless of where she lives, how much money she makes, or how she is insured. We believe that reproductive health is core to women's, men's, and young people's health and wellbeing.... We will continue to oppose—and seek to overturn—federal and state laws and policies that impede a woman's access to abortion, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment." (p.37)
"We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare." (p.13)	Planned Parenthood	"We will continue to stand up to Republican efforts to defund Planned Parenthood health centers, which provide critical health services to millions of people." (p.37)
"We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life." (p.13)	Judges	"We will appoint judges who defend the constitutional principles of liberty and equality for all, protect a woman's right to safe and legal abortion, curb billionaires' influence over elections because they understand that Citizens United has fundamentally damaged our democracy, and see the Constitution as a blueprint for progress." (p.25)
"We value the right of America's religious leaders to preach, and Americans to speak freely, according to their faith. Republicans believe the federal government, specifically the IRS, is constitutionally prohibited from policing or censoring speech based on religious convictions or beliefs, and therefore we urge the repeal of the Johnson Amendment." (p.11)	Religious Liberty	"Democrats know that our nation, our communities, and our lives are made vastly stronger and richer by faith in many forms and the countless acts of justice, mercy, and tolerance it inspires. We believe in lifting up and valuing the good work of people of faith and religious organizations and finding ways to support that work where possible." (p.19)
"We firmly believe environmental problems are best solved by giving incentives for human ingenuity and the development of new technologies, not through top-down, command-and-control regulations that stifle economic growth and cost thousands of jobs." (p.22)	Climate Change/ Global Warming	"Climate change is an urgent threat and a defining challenge of our time.... We believe America must be running entirely on clean energy by mid-century." (p.27)
"We support options for learning, including home-schooling, career and technical education, private or parochial schools, magnet schools, charter schools, online learning, and early-college high schools. We especially support the innovative financing mechanisms that make options available to all children: education savings accounts (ESAs), vouchers, and tuition tax credits." (p.34)	Education/ School Choice	"Democrats are also committed to providing parents with high-quality public school options and expanding these options for low-income youth. We support great neighborhood public schools and high-quality public charter schools, and we will help them disseminate best practices to other school leaders and educators. Democrats oppose for-profit charter schools focused on making a profit off of public resources." (p.34)

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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
ST. BRIGID † OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time October 29/30, 2016

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REPUBLICAN PLATFORM	KEY ISSUE	DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM
"We renew our call for replacing "family planning" programs for teens with sexual risk avoidance education that sets abstinence until marriage as the responsible and respected standard of behavior." (p.34)	Sex Education	"We recognize that quality, affordable comprehensive health care, evidence-based sex education, and a full range of family planning services help reduce the number of unintended pregnancies." (p.37)
"Any honest agenda for improving healthcare must start with repeal of the dishonestly named Affordable Care Act of 2010: Obamacare….To simplify the system for both patients and providers, we will reduce mandates and enable insurers and providers of care to increase healthcare options and contain costs." (p.36)	Obamacare	"Thanks to the hard work of President Obama and Democrats in Congress we took a critically important step towards the goal of universal health care by passing the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which has offered coverage to 20 million more Americans and ensured millions more will never be denied coverage on account of a pre-existing condition." (p.34)
"We condemn the Supreme Court's ruling in United States v. Windsor, which wrongly removed the ability of Congress to define marriage policy in federal law. We also condemn the Supreme Court's lawless ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges….In Obergefell, five unelected lawyers robbed 320 million Americans of their legitimate constitutional authority to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman." (p.11)	Marriage	"Democrats applaud last year's decision by the Supreme Court that recognized LGBT people—like every other American—have the right to marry the person they love. But there is still much work to be done." (p.19)
"We call for expanded support for the stem cell research that now offers the greatest hope for many afflictions — through adult stem cells, umbilical cord blood, and cells reprogrammed into pluripotent stem cells — without the destruction of embryonic human life. We urge a ban on human cloning for research or reproduction, and a ban on the creation of, or experimentation on, human embryos for research." (p.37-38)	Medical Research	"Democrats believe we must accelerate the pace of medical progress, ensuring that we invest more in our scientists and give them the resources they need to invigorate our fundamental studies in the life sciences in a growing, stable, and predictable way….We recognize the critical importance of a fully funded National Institutes of Health to accelerate the pace of medical progress." (p.36)
"We consider the Administration's deal with Iran, to lift international sanctions and make hundreds of billions of dollars available to the Mullahs, a personal agreement between the President and his negotiating partners and non-binding on the next president….Because of it, the defiant and emboldened regime in Tehran continues to sponsor terrorism across the region, develop a nuclear weapon, test-fire ballistic missiles inscribed with "Death to Israel," and abuse the basic human rights of its citizens." (p.46)	Iran	"We support the nuclear agreement with Iran because, if vigorously enforced and implemented, it verifiably cuts off all of Iran's pathways to a bomb without resorting to war." (p.43)
"The integrity of our country's foreign assistance program has been compromised by the current Administration's attempt to impose on foreign recipients, especially the peoples of Africa, its own radical social agenda while excluding faith-based groups — the sector with the best track record in promoting development — because they will not conform to that agenda. We pledge to reverse this course…." (p.52)	Foreign Assistance	"We will support sexual and reproductive health and rights around the globe. In addition to expanding the availability of affordable family planning information and contraceptive supplies, we believe that safe abortion must be part of comprehensive maternal and women's health care and included as part of America's global health programming." (p.46)

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Parish Offices Are Located At:

St. Brigid Parish
59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
(508) 865-6624 • **Fax:** (508) 865-3101

Assumption Parish Phone: (508) 865-2657

St. Vincent de Paul: (774) 262-5506

Mass Times

Assumption Church 12 Waters Street

Mon. & Thurs.: 9:00 AM
Tues. & Wed.: 7:00 AM
Sun.: 9:00 AM

St. Brigid Church 59 Main Street

Sat.: 4:00 PM **Sun.: 7:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

Sat., October 29

4:00 PM **Patricia Rose (Faron) McCullough** (5th Anniversary) and **Peter E. Faron** (22nd Anniversary)
By: Their Mother and Cousins, Helen and Judy

Sun., October 30

7:00 AM **Brittany Knowlton** (5th Anniversary)
By: Mom and Dad

9:00 AM **Joseph and Suzanne Bourgery**
By: Ted and Felice Jakubiak

11:00 AM **Nicholas Augusto** (4th Anniversary) and **Mary Murphy** (6th Anniversary)
By: The Family

Mon., October 31

9:00 AM **Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.**
By: A Friend

Tues., November 1

9:00 AM **The People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury**

6:30 PM **St. Jude**
By: A Parishioner

Wed., November 2

7:00 AM **Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.**
By: Eva Donovan

Thurs., November 3

9:00 AM **Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.**
By: Barbara Mort and Julie Pierce

Sat., November 5

4:00 PM **Charles and Jane Wickham**
By: The Family

Sun., November 6

7:00 AM **Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.**
By: Sutton/Millbury Knights of Columbus

9:00 AM **Marilyn McLeod** (1st Anniversary)
By: Pauline D'Auteuil

11:00 AM **James S. Orstrom**
By: Mr. & Mrs. James Piscitelli

(Our apologies for any errors or misspelled names.)

Tuesday, November 1, 6:30 PM at St. Brigid

L: J. Hanratty AS: T. Yaz, H. Prue
EM: L. Magnuson

Saturday, November 5, 4:00 PM at St. Brigid

L: J. Hanratty AS: T. Yaz, T. & F. Jakubiak
EM: K. Levitre, H. Quan, F. Kroll, J. Nietupski

Sunday, November 6, 7:00 AM at St. Brigid

L: M. Blunt AS: J. Mazeika
EM: W. & M. Blunt

Sunday, November 6, 9:00 AM at Assumption

L: M. Piselli AS: D. & C. Piselli
EM: C. Piorkowski, A. Bourdeau, L. Lucas, J. Piselli

Sunday, November 6, 11:00 AM at St. Brigid

L: J. Hoban AS: M. Hoban, A. Seaman
EM: K. Hession, N. Laliberte

ALL SAINTS DAY

Tuesday, November 1st is a holy day of obligation and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the solemnity of All Saints. Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday at Assumption at 9:00 AM (Please note the time change from the usual 7 AM Mass) and at St. Brigid at 6:30 PM.

Next weekend, daylight savings time ends. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.

Scripture for the week of October 30, 2016

30	SUN	Wis 11:22-12:2/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10
31	Mon	Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14
1	Tue	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
2	Wed	Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/ Jn 6:37-40
3	Thu	Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
4	Fri	Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 16:1-8
5	Sat	Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15
6	SUN	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK:

Our Lady of the Assumption Candle

For Peace in the World

St Brigid Candles

In loving memory of
Ann Harmon
On the 3rd anniversary of her birth to new life
Requested by Janis Corey

For the People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury

For Peace in the World

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF CANDLES, ALL SANCTUARY CANDLES ARE NOW $10.00

Remember in Prayer this Week:

Those who serve in our Military:

Jimmy Dixon Patrick Hafferty Nicole Leonard
Brandon Perkins Marc Winchester

Reminder: Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request. Names will be removed on a monthly basis.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER
Prayer Line 508-865-5373

If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, call the confidential prayer line listed above.

Rest in Peace

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the soul of **Leonard "Lenny" I. Upgard** who has gone home to God. May he rest in Christ's eternal light and peace.

REMEMBRANCE SECTION

Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact Donna at (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one.

In Remembrance:

John & Julia Anger
Lee Aubin
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Arthur G. Boucher
Natalie Bourdeau
Patricia Bourdeau
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
Frank Cammuso, Jr.
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Roland O. Couture
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.
Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Lois M. Fisher
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Raymond Godbout
Ruth Gonsorcik
Daniel Guadagnoli
Derek Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Claire Kobel
Richard Kroll
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Edward L. Lemoine
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
June Ann Leonard
Lorraine Letendre
Mark Lizotte
William and Irene Louis
Ralph & Helen Ludvigson
Marilyn McLeod
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Joseph Noonan
Albert Nikosey
John P. O'Malley
Janet Parsekian
Anne Rita Pierce
Elaine Roy
Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Pauline Smith
C. Richard Stockhaus
Frederick Stockwell
Sandra Lee Stockwell
Margaret E. Stockwell
Joseph F. Stockwell
Neal R. Thomas
Edward Tokus
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
Margaret Wendt
Ronald Woodward
Frank J. Yaz

SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 30TH

Liturgy of the Word for Children @ OLAH - 9:00 AM
Faith Formation Gr. 3-4-5 & 6 @ OLAH - 10:15 - 11:30 AM
Faith Formation Gr. 7-8-9 @ @ OLAH - 6:00 - 7:30 PM
SLA @ SBH - 7:30 PM

MONDAY ~ OCTOBER 31ST

AA @ SBH - 7:00 PM
GA @ OLAH - 7:30 PM

TUESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 1ST

CaFÉ @ SBH - 11:00 AM
No Holy Hour
Choir @ SBC - 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 2ND

Prayer Shawl Ministry@ SBH - 7:00 PM

THURSDAY ~ NOVEMBER 3RD
Mustard Seed

Scouts @ SBH - 6:00 PM

SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 6TH
SVDP Food Drive

Liturgy of the Word for Children @ OLAH - 9:00 AM
Faith Formation Gr. 2 @ OLAH - 10:15 - 11:30 AM
Ad Altare Dei - Boy Scouts - Rel. Emblem @ SBC - 2:00 PM
SLA @ SBH - 7:30 PM

KEY TO LOCATIONS

OLAC=Assumption Church
OLAH=Assumption Hall
OLAS= Assumption School
SBC=St. Brigid Church
SBH=St. Brigid Hall
CPO=Catholic Parish Offices

RCIA
Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

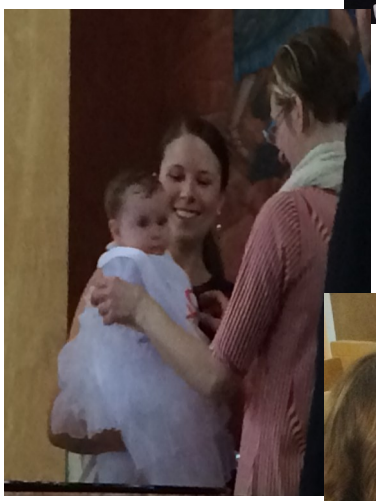
Have you been a Catholic all of your life and never received all of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation)? Have you joined us from a different faith background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church? If either of the above questions applies to you, we would be happy to help you on your journey. If you would like more information, please feel free to call the parish offices at St. Brigid (508-865-6624), and we would be happy to answer any of your questions and inquiries.

WELCOME NEW CHRISTIANS

We welcome to God's world and to our parish family ***Annalisa Grace Aloise-Graf, Myah Ann Baker, Noah John Lavallee, and Robert Christopher Ryll*** who were recently baptized here at St. Brigid. We pray God's blessings upon you and your family as you walk on your journey back to him.

NOAH JOHN LAVALLEE

RYAN CHRISTOPHER RYLL



ANNALISA GRACE ALOISE-GRAF

MYAH ANN BAKER

STEWARDSHIP

St. Brigid Parish
Income
Weekend of October 15/16, 2016

Regular Weekly Collection	$4,659.00
Electronic Giving (10/10 - 10/16, 2016)	$257.50
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$4,916.50**
Other Parish Income:	
Candles	$40.00
Utilities *(includes online when applicable)*	$143.00
All Saints	$10.00
Donut Sunday	$105.00
Funeral	$300.00
All Souls	$100.00
Grand Annual	$2,339.00
In Remembrance *(Bulletin)*	$100.00
Total Other Income	**$3,137.00**
Total Income for Operating Expenses	**$8,053.50**
Other Non-Parish Income:	
Debt	$425.50
Debt (Electronic Giving)	$125.00
Specialty Ministries	$5.00
SVDP Society	$625.00

St. Brigid Cash Flow
October 13, 2016 - October 19, 2016

Payroll *(Week end 10/15)*	$2,420.27
Payroll Taxes *(Includes Employee's Share)*	$1,003.97
PayChex, Inc. *(Payroll Processing Fee)*	$41.06
RC Bishop of Worcester *(403 B Plan)*	$157.48
Credit Card Fees for On-Line Givers	$136.85
Charter Communications *(Internet and Phone)*	$207.99
Music Substitute	$100.00
Reimbursement *(French Toast Sunday)*	$158.19
Our Sunday Visitor *(Envelopes)*	$691.28
RC Bishop of Worcester *(Health Insurance)*	$3,905.81
WB Mason *(Hand Sanitizer)*	$80.13
Total Monies Paid	**$8,903.03**

All Souls Remembrance

All Souls Day is marked each November 2nd as the Church pauses to remember and pray that those who have died pass from death to life. Envelopes for this remembrance are available in your packets. Just place your envelope with the names of your loved ones printed neatly in the collection basket, and their names will be placed in the sanctuary and remembered during all Masses during the month of November. If you are not on the envelope system, feel free to use a plain white envelope and mark it with your name and the names of those you would like remembered.

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Oct. 29/30
Specialty Ministries

Nov. 5/6
Debt

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish
Income
Weekend of October 15/16, 2016

Regular Weekly Collection	$2,056.00
Electronic Giving (10/10 - 10/16, 2016)	$100.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$2,156.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Mass Stipends	$10.00
Utilities *(includes online when applicable)*	$25.00
Catholic Schools Appeal	$10.00
All Souls	$10.00
Grand Annual	$601.00
All Saints	$10.00
Total Other Income	**$666.00**
Total Income for Operating Expenses	**$2,822.00**
Other Non-Parish Income:	
Debt	$234.00
Debt (Electronic Giving)	$50.00
SVDP Society	$10.00
Specialty Ministries	$10.00

Assumption Cash Flow
October 13, 2016 - October 19, 2016

Goretti Supermarket (Mustard Seed)	$124.28
Our Sunday Visitor *(Envelopes)*	$185.46
St. Brigid Parish *(September Reimbursement)*	$4,204.41
Total Monies Paid	**$4,514.15**

STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

During the month of November we will again have our Stairway to Heaven to honor our beloved dead. You are invited to bring photographs of deceased members of your family and or friends to grace our altar. Place them on the display which will grace our Sanctuary. Please be sure to label the back with your name and phone number as all photographs will be returned at the end of the month. Thank you!

Youth & Family Formation

Youth Ministry

Follow Us On:
www.facebook.com/sbcyc
or
@ MillburyCYC

Youth Center This Week

Youth in grades 7-12 welcome!

Sunday, October 30th
Youth Center is Closed
Faith Formation Grades 6-9

Thursday, November 3rd
OPEN 6:30-8:30PM

CSAW 2017

SAVE THE DATES
July 31 - August 4
Grades 8-12

Chain of Lights Craft Fair

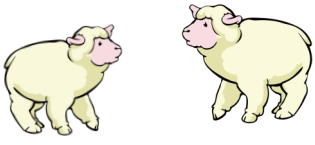
Sunday, December 4th
12:00-4:00PM in St Brigid Hall

Over 30 crafters and vendors!!
Finger sandwiches and chili for sale
There will be no Bell Choir performances this year :(
All Proceeds Benefit CSAW 2017

Faith Formation Sessions For October & November 2016

Registration is now closed for grades 2-9
All sessions begin in Assumption Church Hall promptly at the designated time.
Grade 2-6 parents are invited to join their children in Assumption Hall after the 9:00 Mass until 10:15AM for music and opening prayer for each session.

Grade 2	November 6 & 20 10:15-11:30AM
Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6	October 30 November 13 & 27 10:15-11:30AM
Grades 7, 8 & 9	October 30 November 13 & 27 6:00—7:30PM



Mary's Little Lambs

Children's Liturgy
Ages 4-8
During 9:00AM Mass
at Assumption Church

If you have not already done so please register your child for this program so that we can better communicate and prepare materials for each week. Children under 4 must be accompanied by a parent.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS

3rd Sunday - 10:00 AM
The Offices of the
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend
Food Bins are located in the
Main Entrance of the Church

All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions.
NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

The pantry is in desperate need of the following:

Soup … Canned Vegetables … Juice … Spaghetti …
Tuna Fish …Condiments … Baked Beans … Snacks …
Personal Care Items … Paper Towels

Please No Perishable, Expired Dates, or Pet Food.

THRIFT SHOP

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
507 Park Ave., Worcester (508)752-4232

APOSTOLATE OF DIVINE MERCY AND HEALING

Fr. Ralph DiOrio, Jr.
Maironis Park Banquet Hall
52 South Quinsigamond Ave.
Shrewsbury, MA

Upcoming Sunday Services -
October 30th
12 - 4 PM
Tickets $10

PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles
and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Attention Boy Scouts!

Catholic religious medal sessions will be starting Nov 6th for the Ad Altare Dei. The focus of this program is to study the sacraments. It is open to all Catholic Boy Scout & Venturer youth who are 12 years of age or older. For more details and to sign up see: https://goo.gl/AQQ0Aq

Boy Scouts who are in ninth grade or older, and would like to explore the vocations (single or married life, ordained or religious) may take the Pope Pius XII religious medal program. We need at least 4 Scouts to run this program. Dates and times have not been established. For more details and to sign up see: https://goo.gl/q9LL5Y

Contact Jim Gorman with any questions at jms.gorman@gmail.com"

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made;" Celebrate the love of God for us and for each other by strengthening, renewing and rekindling our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Dec 2-4, 2016 in Duxbury, MA and Jan 20-22, 2017 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

Assumption School
Millbury, MA
A legacy of learning...a history with heart

Student Council News

The Student Council of Assumption School will be having its Annual Food Drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society from Tuesday, November 1 to Friday, November 18. This food drive will be able to help many families in this community during the holiday season.

On Thursday, November 3, the Student Council of Assumption School, will be spending time with the elderly at the Millbury Senior Center. They will partake in an Adult Coloring Class. The students are very much looking forward to this!

Holy Name's Open House -
Holy Name Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School
Sunday, November 6th from 12:00 to 2:00 PM

Come and see all that we have to offer -

- First-rate academic and college-preparatory program, including AP courses, accelerated honors level programs and SAT Prep curriculum.
- Newly renovated state of the art Joseph P. Burke Center for the Performing Arts, a commitment to our award winning music, theater, and dance programs.
- Outstanding STEM program partnering with WPI for authentic research based learning opportunities, including our Clean Energy Innovation Learning Center –the only such facility on the East Coast.
- Over fifty extracurricular and ministry opportunities including our exceptional athletic programs, clubs and organizations.
- As a school that continues to grow, always new and exciting student opportunities.

Our Christian values and welcoming family atmosphere.

Loved at Home. Loved at School. Loved by God.

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call
Judith Audette
Office for Healing and Prevention,
(508) 929-4363.
A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

Seeds and Sacrament

Seeds and growth are signs of life. Seeds need to be tended, watered, weeded, nurtured, and fed in order for growth to happen and life sustained. There are many forms of seeds, all with the potential to grow into a beautiful, some even flowering into colorful, fragrant blossoms.

In some ways, seeds reflect what happens in our own lives. From our beginning, God has sown the seed of His love and life within us. Sacraments are special encounters with the Divine that help us grow and blossom as disciples of Jesus, God's Son. The sacraments are caring signs of God's watering, weeding, nurturing, feeding, and tending to us as we walk through the joys and sorrows of life. Sacraments are gifts from God that touch us with God's love in special ways.

This month our focus turns to the Sacrament of Confirmation which flows from Baptism and deepens our initiation into God's family, the Church. The prophets of the Old Testament foretold that God's Spirit would rest upon the Messiah to sustain His mission. Their prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus, the Messiah, was conceived by the Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus as He was baptized by John in the River Jordan. Jesus' entire saving mission was moved and sustained by the Spirit. Before He died, Jesus promised that same Spirit would be given to the Apostles and to the Church. After His death, Jesus was raised by the Father through the power of the Spirit.

Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, in our neighborhoods, even to the ends of the earth.

To outfit us for this mission, the Holy Spirit provisions us with gifts: the courage to know and understand so to see God more clearly, the courage to wonder and to persevere so to love God more dearly, and the courage to judge wisely so to follow God more nearly day by day.

Through Confirmation Jesus sends us into the world but never fear He is with us always even to the end of time.

PARISH AND LOCAL AREA NEWS

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 12th 9 AM – 2 PM
New Items along with Creative Crafts.
Great gifts for the Holidays!
Luncheon served along with Homemade Chicken Soup, Hotdogs and Pastries.
Also featuring food items to go!
We have Raffles!!
508-865-9154

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

"CRIBBAGE CLUB" - Join us every Monday at 1:00 PM for our new Cribbage Club! Have Lunch ahead of time at 12 noon to make it a fun filled day! *Noon lunch every Monday through Friday. Suggested donation $2.50. Remember every Friday is special treat day. A 48 hour reservation is required.*

KARAOKE!!
Every Tuesday at 11AM
Join us at the Senior Center for some SING-A-LONG FUN with our **new** Karaoke Machine!

"PASTEL DREAMERS"
ADULT COLORING CLASSES
Every Thursday 10 - 11:30 AM
NO SUPPLIES NEEDED!
Come give it a try. It's a very relaxing activity.

BRIDGE CLUB
We have started our Bridge Club on
Fridays at 12:30 PM.
Please give us a call and let us know if you are interested, 508-865-9154.

RMV TRANSACTIONS

Every Wednesday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

We focus on Duplicates/Renewals for Licenses, Registrations, Mass ID, and Placard Cards along with Changes of Address. Call us for an appointment! 508-865-9154

YOUR SMILE FOR TODAY ...

GIVE GOD WHAT'S RIGHT NOT WHAT'S LEFT!

SENATOR MOORE TURKEY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, November 9th at noon.
Sponsored by Michael O. Moore. Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce.
Call (508) 865-9154 or stop by for reserved seating!

MILLBURY POLICE ASSOCIATION DINNER

Pasta and Meatball Dinner
Thursday, November 17th at 6 PM at the Senior Center
Call 508-865-9154 or stop by for reserved seating!

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER'S UPCOMING TRIPS

FOXWOODS TRIP
Monday, November 7th
The bus leaves the Millbury Senior Center at 7 AM and returns at 4:45 PM
The cost is $24.00.
Stop by the Senior Center to reserve your seat! 508-865-9154

Millbury Historical Society Museum

Asa Waters Mansion
123 Elm Street, Millbury, MA 01527

Free Admission

2016 Scheduled Museum Opening Dates

Saturday	Nov. 12	9:30 AM - Noon
Thursday	Nov. 17	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Saturday	Nov. 26	9:30 AM - Noon
Sunday	Dec. 4	11:00 - 4:00 PM

Learn more at: www.MillburyHistory.org

ELDERLY AND/OR HOMEBOUND

Transportation available - 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Brigid Church. This ministry is sponsored by both parishes utilizing a handi-capable van. There will be a van for our Thanksgiving Eve Mass on Nov. 23rd at 6:30 PM. For information call Deacon Ron (508) 865-6624.

SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Saturday, October 29	**Gene Corridori**
Saturday, November 5	**Gerry Willette**
Saturday, November 12	**Chris Brady**
Saturday, November 18	**Ted Jakubiak**

If you know of a parishioner - who is homebound or shut-in, please contact Deacon Ron at (508) 865-6624 to set up a time to receive Communion